

LIVE SPORTS Edited By Louis Dougher Rochester International Leaguers Obtain Ben Spencer

FIRST BASEBALL NEWS

One of the features of the daily 9:30 extra edition of The Times during the trouble in Mexico will be a complete box score and story on the Washington ball game by Thomas Kirby. After today's game the Nationals go to Philadelphia for a series with the world's champions, and real fans cannot afford to miss the first full information on the games. Read the 9:30 Times for First Baseball News.

BEN SPENCER GOES TO GANZEL'S CLUB

Former Virginia Leaguer Fails to Break Into Line-up of Griffmen This Season.

TO BE TUTORED IN FIELDING

Jim Shaw and Doc Ayers Are Taken in Hand by the Veterans at Morning Workout.

By THOMAS KIRBY. "Kid" Spencer was today shipped to the Rochester club, of the International League by Clark Griffith.

When the Nationals were in dire straits for an outfielder last fall, Spencer was grabbed from the Virginia League. He reported here in none too good condition, but hit fairly well. This spring, with Paul Smith and "Cubs" Acosta on the job, Griffith could find no place for Spencer, so he was sent to Rochester after correspondence with a number of clubs.

Spencer leaves today for his new team, which is pretty generally picked to be the runner-up in the International League.

The Boston and Washington clubs will travel together as far as Philadelphia tonight. The start will be made at 7:30.

While the regulars were getting batting practice this morning, Jim Shaw and Doc Ayers were so badly smashed that an hour by Schaefer and Altrock in fielding their positions. With the former shoving, Shaw was howling to get away from the ball and get it away from them.

Vernon, the pitcher who is the property of the Los Angeles club, but who has failed to report on the coast, pitched to the regulars for a while this morning, finally being relieved by Harry Collier.

While the Nationals are in Philadelphia they will be quartered at the Majestic. The return on Friday night will be made early so the players can get a good rest here before resuming home games with the New York club on Saturday afternoon.

Today, for the second time in less than a month, a Washington ball player is reported to have been killed by an automobile accident.

While returning to Washington, just previous to the opening of the season, Ray Morgan ran afoul of a Baltimore street car, and while he escaped injury, his new car was so badly smashed that it is still in the repair shop.

Yesterday while motoring with his wife, Jimmy Moeller from the car, taxicab in a jam in Rock Creek Park and the pair was hurled out.

Moeller's car was the parallel with one occupied by Mrs. J. Chester Pies and young son, Lincoln Fry, and Arthur Mitchell, who was last seen in the taxicab, chauffeur of the taxi, and the other members were thrown to the ground but no one was seriously injured.

The Moeller car and the machine occupied by the Pies and company were badly smashed.

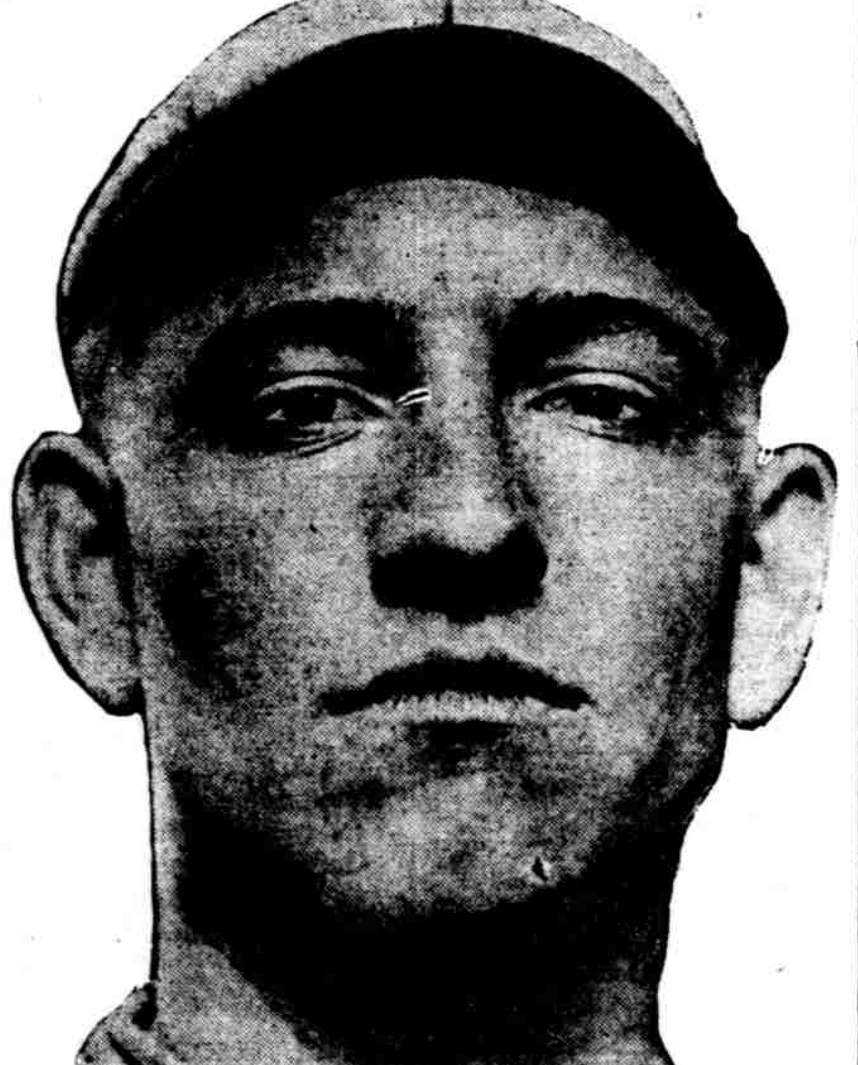
Aside from being severely shaken up Moeller and the other principals in the accident escaped with few scratches and an uncomfortable shock.

There are now on the roster of the Nationals twenty-eight players, with Nye, the Springfield, Ill. high school boy, and the new pitcher, the National Commission has ruled that the large squad may be carried indefinitely. Griffith is expected to ship most of the number in excess of twenty-five to some of the minors during May while the club is at home.

While disappointed by the cancellation of the exhibition game scheduled for yesterday at Baltimore, the Nationals have lost no time in starting this week in the spring training. Before most men in this city were at their respective places of business, the whole baseball brigade was at practice at National Park.

Following the plan he started when the club returned, Griffith had his regulars batting against pitcher after pitcher in the hope of getting the team out of the batting slump into which it has fallen.

MAY FACE BOSTON TODAY



JOE BOEHLING, Griffmen's Classy Young Southpaw, Who Is Scheduled to Win the First Home Game of the Season This Afternoon at Florida Avenue Park From the Boston Red Sox.

WILL HAVE STRUGGLE TO LAND 1914 PENNANT

Chicago Critic Looks for World's Champions to Crack and Fall by Wayside.

By GEORGE C. RICE. (Chicago Journal.)

Connie Mack, the famous leader of the Athletics, is authority for the statement that the Philadelphia team will not have an easy time of it this year in winning another championship. Whenever Connie talks he says a lot of wise things, and this statement is one of the wisest remarks he has made for a long time. There is nothing certain in baseball at any time, not even for a ball team regarded as the greatest aggregation of players ever gotten together.

The fact that the Athletics have not been hitting all spring has caused Mack a lot of worry. The way the great athletes have been swinging wide of the ball causes the backers of other teams in the league to hope they will not get together before the season is so far advanced they will be unable to overtake the leaders.

The fears of Manager Mack are being verified by the poor start the Athletics are making in the season's race. There are two grave dangers confronting the world's champions at present, if not three. Overconfidence is one. Mack has been through so many campaigns that he realizes better than most of the managers in the game how much damage is done to a ball team when it is overcome by overconfidence.

The minute a team is suffering from that dreaded condition the players begin to go wrong and it is almost impossible to check them before the game has slipped out of their reach. It is the fault that generally brings about defeat of all championship organizations.

On top of the overconfidence the Athletics are now suffering from the lack of good pitchers. With Bender and Flank nearing the end of their great careers, Connie is on the brink of disaster. The pitching staff on his staff who have shown promise for the future, but so far they are not proved quantities.

It takes more than one game to demonstrate a pitcher is to be relied on. Bush was the hero of last fall's world series, but that does not prove that he will be the mainstay of the staff this season.

Jack Combs was the iron man of the pitching staff, but the days of that famous athlete as a pitcher are about over. In addition to the overconfidence of the team, Mack fears for his pitching staff more than anything else.

There is another danger that confronts the Athletics this year. Inside information has it that Jack Barry, the great shortstop, may have to quit at any time on account of a bad knee. He is still in the game, but Mack has provided himself with a substitute in case the regular shortstop falls down in his work. Barry is one of the strongest cubs in the great infield. He has a lot of Eddie Collins as no other man will work with him. He has often contributed long hits in the pinches that have helped win games.

Kopf, the youngster who has been picked to take the place of Barry in case he has to quit, is a player of exceptional promise, but even so, no substitute can fill the position as Barry has.

There are one or two other reasons John McGraw, of New York, is the best manager in the game. He has a lot of sure the managers are coming to an appreciation of the utter superiority of trying to get men to play ball in cold in frigid weather.

PROBABLE LINE-UP.

RED SOX.	GRIFFMEN.
Hooper, rf.	Moeller, rf.
Engle, 1b.	Foster, 3b.
Speaker, cf.	Milan, cf.
Lewis, lf.	Gandil, 1b.
Gardner or Janvrin, 3b.	Morgan, 2b.
Yerkes, ab.	Shanks, lf.
Scott, ss.	Henry, c.
Cady, c.	Ainsmith, c.
Carrigan, c.	McBride, ss.
G. Foster, p.	Boehling, p.
Bedient, p.	Bentley, p.

Game at 3:30 p. m.

GRIFFMEN'S PADMEN PLEASE JENNINGS

Thinks Henry and Ainsmith Make Best Receiving Corps in Whole Circuit.

By RALPH L. YONKER.

DETROIT, Mich., April 27.—Manager Jennings had a dream the other night. When the alarm clock rang Hughie was just sending his new club on the field for the first game of the season. He had already been conceded the pennant.

All that he had on this club of his were the infielders from the Athletics, the outfielders from the Red Sox, the pitchers from the White Sox and the catchers from the Nationals.

One department from each of these four teams in the American League combined in this way would give a manager an unbeatable club. The Philadelphia infield is without doubt the best in the league. Last year McNinnis, Collins, Barry and Baker hit .320 for the quartet and stole an aggregate of 134 bases.

The Boston outfield has long been recognized as the best in the league, Speaker being the star of the bunch and enough to catch the eye of the lights high. Speaker, Lewis and Hooper hit .313 and stole eighty-four bases.

The Chicago pitching staff may not be the best in the league this season, but it was last. If Walsh comes back, it will undoubtedly hold the honor. It had three men, Cicotte, Russell and Scott, who were next to Walter Johnson in effectiveness for the entire year.

Henry and Ainsmith, of Washington, form the best catching staff in the league, although they have rivals in Lapp and Schang, of Philadelphia, and Stange and McKee may give them a chase this season.

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He cannot walk without the aid of crutches and is very much emaciated. He came to Boston for treatment by Dr. Andreas F. Christian and is now in the latter's private hospital, 40-50 Marlboro street.

Criger took a course of treatment by Dr. Christian in 1908, and believes the doctor saved his life at that time. He comes now with the firm belief that the doctor can pull him through his present illness.

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Batteries—Pirates, Cooper, Gonzalez; Cubs, McQuinn and Gibson; Coleman, Cady, Lavender and Archer.

THESE FELLOWS ARE THE BUFFALO FEDERALS



The Bottom Row, From Left to Right, Shows Wertz, Pettigrew, Krapp, Lavigne, and Woodman. The Second Row Has Houser, Hanford, Perry, Brown, Manager Larry Schaffly, and Vic Schlitz. The Top Row Shows Delahanty, Joe Agler, Russell Ford, Moran, Allen, Earl Moore, Smith, Young, Ben, and Tom Downey.

AMBITION ASSURES KAVANAGH'S SUCCESS

Told Hughey Jennings That He'd Play Ball If It Had to Be in Class Q.

One reason that Marty Kavanaugh is making good with the Tigers at second base is that he has an over-weening ambition to play baseball. "I'll play baseball if I have to play in Class Q, and make the jumps in stage coaches," said Kavanaugh, shortly after he reported to Manager Jennings at Giffport this spring.

He was sick man when he made his appearance at Giffport. But he wanted so badly to get a chance to make the Detroit team that he went to work in spite of that, displayed no sign of being ill and plucked along. Finally illness got the better of him and he was forced to return to Detroit and go to a hospital.

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BINGLES AND BUNTS

By GRANTLAND RICE.

A BALLADE OF THE GAME. I wonder when I stand at bay With shattered lance and shield away, Hurled back across the driving fray With power I may not defy. If, when life's last abate, I'll fight on as the stalwart fight? All unafraid to lose—or die? For that is all the Scorer writes.

Or, when, by some undreamed-of play, I whirl Fame's banner to the sky? And mount to where the half-gods stay? If, turning back without a sigh, I'll seek some pal who missed the fight? For that is all the Scorer writes.

Records pass out, and scores decay— I am not theirs to typify; To-morrow brings another day, Where old flags fall and new ones fly. But who, without a boasting cry, Can win—or through life's bitter Can keep clean faith and fearless eye? For that is all the Scorer writes.

And so we come to one reply, Which tells the story—laurels or No knight. There goes a game, square play. For that is all the Scorer writes.

Boasting the clammy athlete is a precarious undertaking. On the day you label him a hero or compare him to Caesar, Alexander or William Shakespeare he proceeds to blow apart in more directions than seven bushels of corn. And a few days ago when we suggested that Walter Johnson had a fine chance to establish a new record in permitting a run he starts that afternoon and gives vent to his.

Last season just as we were in the full act of pegging laurel at Tilly Shaffer's brow as a shortstop he began to out-bust C. Bricker and had to be shifted to third. And a few days ago when we suggested that Walter Johnson had a fine chance to establish a new record in permitting a run he starts that afternoon and gives vent to his.

The Blight of Education. Congress is now slightly involved in other affairs, but later on it should take up this matter of education. It is cutting into baseball fearfully. Charlie Dooin needs a left-handed luddy and yet

Mullin Wins Again. INDIANAPOLIS, April 27.—George Mullin opposed his former teammate, Willett, and the St. Louis Federals went down to a 3 to 5 whipping. Kauff muffed Miller's high drive in the eighth, and the left in the two extra runs that won. The score by innings:

Indianapolis	St. Louis
000 000 000—0 0 0	000 000 000—3 5 2

Batteries—Mullin and Texter; Willett and Hartley.

INAUGURAL DUCK-PIN SCHEDULE

Class	Alley
Brunswick, No. 2	B 1
Arcades	A 2
Resolute	B 3
Star, No. 2	B 4
Traders	B 5
Engineers	B 6

10:20 P. M. DOUBLES Porter and Frye..... B 1 Lewers and Welkert..... B 2 Lemmons and Grindle..... B 3 Groff and Friedrich..... C 4 Slye and Reiff..... B 5 McWhorter and Smith..... B 6

10:30 P. M. SINGLES Fletcher..... C 1 Robb..... B 2 Henderson..... B 3 Bellam..... B 4 James..... A 5 Collins..... B 6

11:30 P. M. Davis..... B 1 Jasper..... B 2 Grubbs..... B 3 McKelcher..... B 4 Holmes..... B 5 M. P. Wood..... C 6

McAvoy for Orioles. PHILADELPHIA, April 27.—Connie Mack announced last night that he had released Catcher Jim McAvoy, his Canadian recruit, to the Baltimore club, of the International League. Besides Captain Thomas, Mack has Li Hung Chang, Jack Lapp, and D. D. Sturgis, late of Bucknell, available for duty inside of the back.

BIRMY PROMISES TEAM WILL FIGHT

Leader of Naps Says He Will Have Boys Up Around Front Before Coming East.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 27.—The Naps are on their way. Joe Birmingham says that before the team leaves on its first tour around the East, he will have the boys up around front place, fighting for the honors. To emphasize his meaning, the boy manager went out yesterday and walloped the White Sox, 4 to 1. Fred Blanding pitched a superb ball game, and the Chicago hitters were usually helpless in front of his speed and curves. Olson and Lajoie, each poked out three bingles, several coming in the pinches. Jim Scott, who was being soundly trounced by the Naps, got into an argument with Umpire O'Loughlin and was banished from the field. Eddie Clotte succeeded him, and stopped the best efforts of the Napslanders. The score:

White Sox	Naps
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Batteries—White Sox, Scott, Clotte and Schalk; Naps, Blanding and Carlsch.

Will Have Racing. BALTIMORE, Md., April 27.—Ten days of racing will be seen at Electric Park, Marlboro, immediately at the close of the Pimlico meet, beginning Monday, May 5.

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